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SUBJ: SYG VISIT TO LISBON NOW IN DOUBT

1. DURING CONVERSATION WITH WALDHEIM AFTERNOON JULY 12, SEC GEN SAID HE PLANNING VISIT TUNIS FOR TWO DAYS BEGINNING JULY 25 AND THEN HOPED TO GO TO HIS HOUSE ON THE ATTERSEE NEAR SALZBURG AND SPEND EIGHT OF TEN DAYS. I ASKED WHERE MATTERS STOOD ON HIS PROSPECTIVE VISIT TO LISBON.

2. WALDHEIM SAID HE HAD TENTATIVELY AGREED WITH SOARES TO VISIT LISBON JULY 24 AND 25. NOW WITH THE REPORTED DEVELOPMENTS IN LISBON INVOLVING CABINET CHANGES HE DOES NOT KNOW WHERE HE STANDS. IF A MILITARY GOVERNMENT EMERGES FROM PRESENT SHUFFLING HE SEES NO SENSE IN HIS GOING THERE AT THIS TIME. HE MADE IT CLEAR HE DOES NOT WANT TO GIVE APPEARANCE OF SUPPORTING WHAT HE DESCRIBED AS NEGATIVE DEVELOPMENTS IN PORTUGAL. HE IS THEREFORE HOLDING DECISION RE A LISBON VISIT IN ABEYANCE FOR TIME BEING.

3. CI COMMENTED THAT DIMENSIONS AND DIRECTION OF CHANGES GOING ON IN LISBON WERE NOT CLEAR TO US HERE AS YET. PERHPAS WE WOULD KNOW MORE NEXT WEEK. I MENTIONED THAT
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WE DID HAVE REPORTS THAT SPINOLA IS DETERMINED TO PUSH

AHEAD WITH ARRANGEMENT FOR GUINEA-BISSAU INDEPENDENCE.
HOWEVER IT WAS NOT CLEAR TO ME WHAT EFFECT INTERNAL
CHANGES NOW IN PROCESS IN LISBON WOULD HAVE ON SPINOLA
INTENT. WALDHEIM CONCLUDED CONVERSATION BY SAYING HE
WOULD WAIT UNTIL NEXT WEEK BEFORE MAKING FINAL DECISION
ON WHETHER TO VISIT LISBON AT HIS TIME OR NOT.
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